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CULTIVATION OF FODDER TREES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

he steps being taken to encourage cultivation fodder crops and fodder trees to meet the feed and fodder requirements of animals and cattles ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

The following schemes are being implemented by the Government of India to encourage cultivation of fodder crops and fodder trees:

(i) Central Fodder Development Organization:- under this seven Regional Stations for Forage Production and Demonstration and Central Fodder Seed Production Farm are operating in different agroclimatic zones to produce and supply quality seeds of high yielding varieties of fodder crops, grasses and fodder trees, besides conducting farmers fair, training and demonstration on fodder production technology.

(ii) Under Central Minikit testing programme minikits of fodder seeds are provided to farmers through the State Governments to generate awareness for the production of high yielding fodder and fodder seeds.

(iii) Centrally Sponsored Schemes on Assistance to States for feed and fodder Development.The scheme has seven components with matching funding pattern (Central : State);

(1) Strengthening of Fodder SeedsProduction Farm(75:25), (2) Establishment of fodder Bank (75:25), (3)Fodder Seed Production through registered seed growers (25:75) , (4) Enrichment of straw/cellulosic waste (100.00), (5) Establishment of Silvipasture System (100.00), (6) Development of grassland including grass reserves (100.00) and (7) Sample Survey for area, production and requirement of fodder(100.00).

The scheme provides for strengthening feed and fodder resources and increasing nutritional value of roughages.

Besides, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Wasteland Development and ICAR are also encouraging the cultivation of fodders and fodder trees.